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SUBJECT: NEPAL TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN

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Classified By: Ambassador Nancy J. Powell. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) Rudra Nepal, Joint Secretary for UN and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told Emboff on November 12 that his government most likely would abstain on a series of country-specific resolutions -- including one on human rights in Iran -- in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly in late November. The Joint Secretary said that the Government of Nepal (GON) would choose abstention over voting against the no-action motions and for the substantive resolutions on human rights in Iran, Burma, and DPRK so as not to upset regional neighbors. As requested in reftel, Emboff expressed gratitude for the GON's abstention across the board in the 2007 session of the General Assembly on country-specific human rights resolutions and on associated motions for no action. Assuring the Joint Secretary that the United States is mindful of Nepal's political sensitivities, Emboff stressed that we would welcome the GON to abstain once again.

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